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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your recent follow-up letter concerning potential perchlorate contamination at Department of Defense (DoD) facilities. The Department, through the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, invests approximately \$2 billion annually to restore the environment at our active and closing installations.

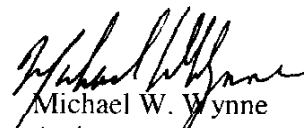
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I understand you are particularly concerned about California. As you know, Mr. John Paul Woodley of this Department met with California officials during the second week of July to lay groundwork for a partnership between California regulatory officials, DoD representatives, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to define sampling requirements and protocols for perchlorate sampling at our California installations and Formerly Used Defense Sites.

The Department has provided to your staff the raw data you requested. We have also provided to the EPA the data to support rulemaking under its Safe Drinking Water Act Unregulated Chemical Monitoring Rule. Enclosed information collected at each of our facilities since the 2001 as well as data collected at our National Priorities List facilities.

The Department remains committed to protecting human health and the environment as it pursues its primary responsibility for ensuring national security. If you require additional information, please contact Mr. Patrick Meehan at (703)695-7957.

Sincerely,


Michael W. Wynne
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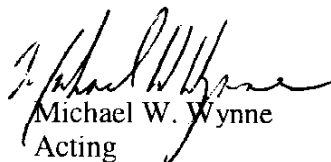
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The Honorable Harry Reid
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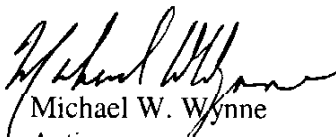
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